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Group Art Unit 3611

In re

Patent Application of

Jeffrey L. Armstrong, et al.

Application No. 10/617,537

Confirmation No.: 3505

Filed: July 11, 2003

Examiner: Kevin Hurley

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This communication responds to the Office action dated December 21, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.